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1. THE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED THE MFA OF THE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL (H). THE MINISTRY HAS REPLIED THAT THE PROPOSED DATES FOR ISRAEL APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTABLE. THE DATES WILL BE REVIEWED BY PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AFTER HE RETURNS FROM THE U.S. BUT IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT HE WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION. THE MINISTRY ASKS WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAS ANY SPECIFIC WISHES FOR HIS VISIT, PARTICULARLY WHETHER HE WISHES TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING. THE MINISTRY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE REGARDING THE DESIRES OF MRS. VANCE FOR HER PROGRAM.

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2. THE EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT IS POLITICAL COUNSELOR JOHN E. CRUMP; DEPUTY CONTROL OFFICER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR LEON J. BAJEK. THE S/S LIAISON OFFICER REQUIRED BY REFTEL (F) WILL BE POLITICAL OFFICER KENNETH R. MCKUNE.

3. WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR A WAIVER OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PERSONNEL CONNECTED WITH THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND FOR EMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCES. THE PARTY'S PASSPORTS SHOULD BE HANDED ON ARRIVAL TO MR. BAJEK WHO WILL MEET MR. EATON AT PLANE SIDE ON ARRIVAL.

4. GIFTS. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE MFA THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXCHANGE OF GIFTS.

5. SECRETARIAL/COURIER ASSISTANCE. A UNIT OF SIX TOP SECRET CLEARED SECRETARIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN ORDER TO FURNISH 24 HOUR SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. THE UNIT WILL BE ORGANIZED SO THAT TWO SECRETARIES ARE ON DUTY AND A THIRD AVAILABLE ON A CALL-IN BASIS.

6. A UNIT OF NCO'S FROM THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE WILL PROVIDE FULL TIME COURIER SERVICE BETWEEN THE HOTEL AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL. VEHICLES WILL BE RESERVED FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE. A SCHEDULE OF THEIR SHIFT ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE PREPARED.

7. TDY ASSISTANCE. THE CONSULATE GENERAL AT JERUSALEM HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED ABOUT TDY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNICATORS. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY WILL REQUIRE FOUR MSG'S ON TDY.
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8. MISCELLANEOUS. THERE ARE NO SPECIAL LOCAL CONDITIONS, HOLIDAYS OR ANTICIPATED STRIKES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE. THERE WILL BE NO BLACK TIE FUNCTIONS BUT VISITORS MAY WISH TO REMEMBER THAT JERUSALEM IN AUGUST CAN BE VERY WARM. ROOM KEYS WILL BE IN THE DOORS ON ARRIVAL. LOCAL ELECTRICITY IS 230 AC, 50 CYCLES.

9. FUNDING. THE EMBASSY'S BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER IS AUGUSTINE GORMAN, WHO WILL MEET WITH EATON AT THE HOTEL. THE DEPARTMENT IS REMINDED THAT EXPENSES FOR SECRETARIAL VISITS TO ISRAEL ARE A GOOD DEAL HIGHER THAN AT OTHER POSTS BECAUSE OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES BE LOCATED TEMPORARILY IN JERUSALEM, WITH RESULTING CHARGES FOR OVERTIME AND TDY WHICH ARE PROPORTIONALLY HIGHER THAN AT OTHER EMBASSIES.
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